

REPUBLICANS FILL CANTON.

A RECORD-BREAKING RALLY.

IN HONOR OF M'KINLEY.

ALL BUSINESS SUSPENDED IN THE CITY.

MAJOR M'KINLEY KEPT BUSY ALL DAY SHAKING
HANDS, REVIEWING PARADES AND MAKING
BRIEF SPEECHES - ADDRESSES BY
SENATORS THURSTON AND CUL-
LUM, GOVERNORS BUSHNELL
AND HASTINGS AND
CONGRESSMAN
MCLEARY.
Canton, Ohio, Sept. 18.-The largest political

gathering never seen in Ohio assembled here today. Conservative estimates place the number of people on the streets of Canton this afternoon and evening at more than 80,000. Pretty much the whole of Eastern Ohio, Eastern West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania sent large delegations to Canton. The railways were taxed to their utmost capacity, and every vehicle in the county seemed to have been brought into service. The crowd was almost twice as large as the organizers of the meeting had expected, but the people were well cared for.

for. Notwithstanding the other attractions in the city, the home of Major McKinley was the centre of interest, and people clung about it until 11 o'clock at night. They filled the yard, took possession of the porches and peered in at the windows.

MAJOR MCKINLEY'S SPEECHES.

Major McKinley to-day, in addition to the task of meeting and talking briefly with hundreds of people, shook hands with thousands made a dozen speeches, entertained a dozen guests at dinner and listened to the music of

The first delegation called at 10:30 this morning. It came from Unity Township, Columbia County, J. J. Brittain, of East Palestine was the spokesman. In response to his remarks Major McKimley said:

"Mr. Brittain and my fellow-citizens of Unity Township: It gives me great pleasure to greet you at my home and in my home city. I recall with most pleasant and grateful recollections the relations which we sustained for so many years when you did me the honor to keep me in the National House of Representatives. I think I have met most of you."

that it is for me to say that I have been more than once in your homes in Unity Township, and it is only fair that you should return my frequent calls upon you. (Great laughter and applause.) I recall with especial satisfaction that in all the contests your township was always faithful to the cause which for the moment I represented, and never faltered in your devotion to Republican principles. This year my fellow-citizens, these principles are dearer to the American people, more indispensable to the prosperity of the American people, if that be possible, than they have ever been before, and I am glad to receive from your spokesman the assurance

"I thank you for the pleasure and honor of this call. I will not undertake to make a speech before you, as you have the richest of rich feasts before you to-day. Some of the most distinguished men of the country will present to you the political questions that divide the parties, and I am

sure you will be glad to hear them. I only hope that I may thank you, as I do from the bottom of my heart, for your assurances of support and good will." (Great applause.)

After Major McKinley finished, he introduced Judge Howard Ferris, of Cincinnati, who made a felicitous speech. Judge U. L. Marvin, of Akron, also made a short speech.

— GREETING MORE OLD FRIENDS.

The next delegation was also from Columbus, Ohio. When Major McKinley was introduced and the cheering had subsided he said: "My Chairman and my Fellow-Citizens:

gives me very great pleasure to meet my old friends of Fairfield Township, Cumberland County. (Applause.) Among my earliest political recollections I recall the village of Cumberland. I remember that in the twenty years I was Representative in Congress I always had the encouragement and sympathy and support of the good people of your township. (Applause.) We are battling this year for the same cause that we battled for during the last twenty years. We have the same principles to contend for now as we had then. The Republican party stands this year, as it has always stood, for the country and the country's honor. (Great cheering and cries of "Hurrah.")

of "That's Right!") It is opposed to National dishonor and repudiation in whatever form it may come and from whatever quarter it may come. (Applause.) It believes in good, sound, solid dollars (cheers); dollars that you know just where they are worth every day of the week and every week of the year (renewed cheers); dollars that are not only good in our own country, but good wherever trade goes. (Loud applause and cries of "Hurrah for McKinley!") The Republican party stands, too, this year, as it has stood in the past, for an American protective system (great applause); a system that serves our own people rather than the interests of the alien or the stranger who lives beyond our shores. (Great

applause. It stands for a policy that makes American citizenship the widest and broadest opportunity; that leaves to the American workman an opportunity to work at American wages (cheers), and to the farmers of the United States the best home market that can be found anywhere. (Renewed cheers.)

"But, my fellow-citizens, this is not my day to make a speech. There are orators here who will speak to you, and I only come now that I may make suitable recognition of this friendly call from the part of my old friends and constituents who have for so many years manifested their devotion to this noble cause, and to me personally."

When Major McKinley finished speaking he introduced Major W. W. Peabody, of Cincinnati, vice-president of the Baltimore and Ohio Southern Railroad, who made one of the most stirring speeches of the day.

At 12.30 the Americus Club, of Pittsburg, escorting Governor Hastings, marched up to the McKinley residence. Major McKinley came out on the stand which had been erected just inside the fence and overtopping it. W. I. Munsie, president of the Americus Club, introduced Governor Hastings, who made a short speech, congratulating Major McKinley. In response to the greeting Major McKinley said:

"Governor Hastings, Gentlemen of the Americus Club and my Fellow-citizens of Pennsylvania: I appreciate more than I can find words to express the compliment and honor of this call from the citizens of another neighboring State. I am glad to give you welcome to the city of Canton and to my home. (Applause.)

"I am glad to give welcome to the Governor
of the State of Pennsylvania, Mr. Hastings."

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